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Rotary Club of Sandpoint

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In Command

At last Wednesday's meeting, Jack Parker proudly (and humbly) introduced his son, Naval Commander Greg Parker, as our speaker. Greg was raised in Sandpoint where he graduated from Sandpoint High School in 1985, went on to Annapolis Naval Academy, and then earned his wings in 1995. He has been with the Naval Aviation Program ever since, and his pride and passion in his work are evident.

Greg described his job as a Commanding Officer (CO) for a squadron that is deployed about half the year as "managing people, managing materials and managing a mission." When deployed, Greg's squadron numbers about 200 souls, in far-flung and dangerous locales near the Persian Gulf. Greg is responsible for their well-being as well as completing the dangerous work they do there foiling electronic enemy transmissions.

According to Greg, the work's strength is the same as it's weakness - that the Navy draws from society. His men and women face extreme danger, stress, boredom and anxiety, but
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Member Spotlight

Carol Warren was born in Chicago, Illinois where she graduated from nursery school before receiving a Bachelor's degree in Special Education and a Master's Degree in learning disabilities from the University of Wisconsin.

Now retired retirement Carol worked formerly taught Special Education as an educational diagnostician. Carol moved to Sandpoint in 2004, with her husband Clif, drawn by skiing, the lake, and a desire to build a retirement home in the mountains.

Carol and Clif have one son Jason, age 31 who also lives here. When not working at the Food Bank or volunteering she can be found knitting, watching football or hockey games, skiing, reading, or finishing a jig saw puzzle.

Carol's strong love of travel makes her a natural cheerleader for Rotary Youth Exchange. She's been Host Mother to 17 exchange students to date. The Warrens have traveled extensively in Asia, Europe, Canada, and Mexico, with their last destination being that of Mazatlan. When we last checked Carol was reading Rules of Prey by John Sandford. Carol has herself been a Rotarian for 3 years, but has attended 4 Rotary International conventions with Clif. Carol took flying lessons for three years and her most exciting memory is flying in the back seat of an old barnstormer.
 ~ Tim Cochran



Squadron Commander, Greg Parker tells it like it is for US Service men and women in Afghanistan.

This Week

Kathy Chambers, President of Women Honoring Women, talks about the group that, since 1999, has recognized Sandpoint-area women who contribute to the betterment of our community through volunteerism and leadership.

Next Week

Richard Kuhnel speaks about the Sandpoint Transition Initiative and a local group's intention to rebuild local resilience, reduce carbon emissions and achieve relative independence from non-renewable energy. On June 1, 2008, Sandpoint became an officially designated Transition Town, the 2nd town after Boulder, Colorado to receive the honor.

~Toby McLaughlin



*This was the roof top view of 1st Avenue from the top of the building on Cedar Street in 1956, taken by the visionary eye of photographer **Ross Hall**. Thanks, Dann for contributing photos like this one.*

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who are usually little more prepared than the average teenager for such work. His job as CO is to help them cope and continue to get the job done.

Greg will have a reprieve from the rigors of deployed life next winter, however, as he will be heading to Brookings Institute, a national "think-tank" for policy issues. Attendance at Brookings Institute is an extreme honor, and his family here in Sandpoint, and also his wife and children are very proud—as is his Naval Commander.

At the end of his presentation, Greg received a standing ovation, something seldom seen in Rotary lunch meetings.

Thank you, Greg!

~Nicole Luttmann

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

~Margaret Mead

Duty Roster

	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>RAFFLE</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>
May 13	Debbie Ferguson	Bob Farmin	Stan Hatch
May 20	Sean Fitzpatrick	Debbie Ferguson	David Keyes
May 27	Phyllis Foro	Sean Fitzpatrick	Bob Linscott
June 3	Chuck George	Phyllis Foro	Kendon Perry
June 10	Nancy Hadley	Chuck George	Kendon Perry

Events Calendar

*If you become aware of upcoming events, call it in!
Jerri's cell phone is 597-1969.*

Club

- May 16 Graj Mahal Drop-off 9:00-11:00/ YardSale
- May 28-31 District Conference 2009 in Cranbrook
- July 31-Aug 1 Rotary Yard Sale

Community

- May 14-17 24th Annual *Lost in the Fifties*
- May 30 *Pend Oreille Pedalers Spt.-Bike Swap*
- June 3 *Spt-Bike to Work & School Day*
- June 12-13 *Relay for Life*
- June 12-July 27 *Art Walk 1 – POAC*
- June 18 *Summer Sampler*

~ Jerri Anderson

Our Best Yard Sale Ever

Sandpoint Rotarians are challenged to donate quality items to our annual yard sale.

You can drop items off at the Graj Mahal storage site every Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Signs will direct you from the Great Northern Road (along the tracks off Baldy Mountain Road), adjacent to the Quest entry road.

Presiding officers will not, however, accept clothing or old electrical appliances. So bring really good stuff.

This is our primary fundraiser, so your best contributions are graciously encouraged and accepted. Revenue from this event supports local Rotary projects and scholarships. Items worth \$100 or more are tax deductible.

We have the opportunity to make this the best yard sale ever—even in this down economy. What better time could this be to attract bargain hunters to a really good deal?

Quality Items for a Quality Fundraiser

May 2nd is your 2nd opportunity to drop off quality items at the Graj Mahal, 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the end of Airpark Lane just north of the Quest entry. Look for the Rotary sign. The Great Northern Road goes north off Baldy Mountain Road toward the backside of the Fair Grounds.